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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Office Action Summary dated February 9, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-24, drawn to a metal extraction and purification processes.

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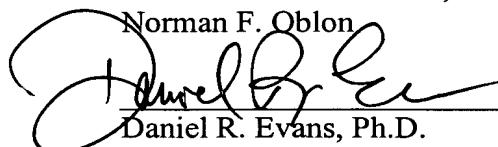
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